

## Taking the pulse of Harvard



Harvard launched a University-wide staff survey this week to hear from employees about a range of workplace topics. The quick, confidential survey follows similar efforts in 2006 and 2008 and will provide feedback to University leaders as they consider how best to create and sustain an engaging work experience at Harvard. Each staff member received an email invitation to the survey on Nov. 15 and will have until Nov. 30 to complete it. Those who complete the survey can enter a raffle to win an iPad2. [Read more](#)

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## Thanksgiving suggestion: Tasty vegetable side dishes

Veggies don't have to be a bland afterthought on your Thanksgiving table. [Fill your plate](#) with delicious recipes from HSPH's Nutrition Source:



[Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Pecans](#)

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### Event highlights

#### Strengthening Health Systems in Africa

Speakers: [William Hsiao](#), [Wafaie Fawzi](#)

Nov. 30

5:30-8:30 PM

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#### AIDS@30 Symposium



Dec. 1-2

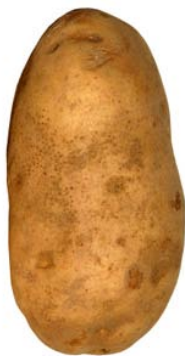
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## Misguided school lunch move on potatoes and pizza

No one would mistake French fries and pizza for a healthy meal. Yet Congress is moving to overturn a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) plan that would limit French fries and stop counting pizza sauce as a vegetable in school lunches,

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and to stall other healthy meal changes around whole grains and salt. News-media outlets reported on November 15, 2011, that the final version of an agricultural spending bill has watered down the USDA's comprehensive proposal for improving school lunches. The USDA's original plan was based on sound science--and could have helped turn around this country's obesity and diabetes epidemics. But the guidelines came under fire from food industry lobbyists, among them, potato growers, frozen pizza makers that supply schools, and the salt industry. [Read more on HSPH's Nutrition Source.](#)

## Around the School

### HSPH hosts seminar on School's contributions to maternal health



Wafaie Fawzi, Jennifer Leaning, Atul Gawande, Ana Langer. Photo: Aubrey LaMedica

At a November 7, 2011, event, HSPH faculty spoke about their efforts to boost the health of mothers around the globe and prevent unnecessary maternal deaths. [Read more](#)

### Ministerial Leadership in Health Program launches



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HSPH Dean Julio Frenk met with South African Deputy President the Hon. Kgalema Motlanthe at the November 4 launch of the School's new Ministerial Leadership in Health Program. [Read Motlanthe's remarks](#)

### HP&M instructors honored



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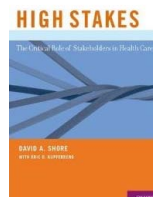
W. Michael Byrd and Linda Clayton, instructors in HSPH's Department of Health Policy and Management, were awarded honorary degrees from Wheelock College, in Boston, during the school's annual Convocation Ceremony on September 14. Byrd and Clayton, a married couple, are both practicing obstetrician-gynecologists. [Read more](#)



[HSPH alumnus Nathan Wolfe hunts for the next pandemic](#) (PBS Newshour)

[Mounting evidence links Epstein-Barr virus, multiple sclerosis](#) (HSPH feature)

### Building trust and collaboration in health care



[David Shore](#), associate dean and executive director of the [Center for Continuing and Professional Education](#) at HSPH, recently published *High Stakes: The Critical Role of Stakeholders in Health Care*. [Read more](#)

